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In re the Application of

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For: METHOD FOR PROCESSING IMAGE, RECORDING MEDIUM FOR STORING
IMAGE PROCESSING PROGRAM AND IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS

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SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
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Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claim 22 as follows:

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22. (Amended) An image processing method according to claim 21, wherein: said first weighting rate is $1/(1+2k)$, said second weighting rate is $k \times tt / (1+2k)$, said third weighting rate is $k \times yy / (1+2k)$, said fourth weighting rate is $k \times nu / (1+2k)$ and said fifth weighting rate is $k \times ns / (1+2k)$, where k represents a predetermined value, and tt , yy , nu and ns satisfy the following equation: $tt+yy+nu+ns=1$.